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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 30, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 28, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, which is the compound (2) represented by the formula (II) wherein n is zero to 20; R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 13 to 21 carbon atoms, X¹ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl or acyl group

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